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Mr. Scot Cullen, Chief Electric Engineer
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RE: In the Matter of Filing Reporting Requirements for Appropriate Inspection and Maintenance, PSC Rule 113.0607(6)

Dear Mr. Cullen:

Enclosed for filing are 3 copies of Algoma Utilities' report to the commission, submitted every two years, showing compliance with its Preventative Maintenance Plan.

Very truly yours,

James LeCloux, Jr.
General Manager

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TWO YEAR REPORT DOCUMENTING COMPLIANCE WITH THE PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE PLAN

Algoma Utilities

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This report format was prepared by the MEUW work group for PSC Rule 113.0607 for use by the 82 municipal electric utilities in Wisconsin and endorsed by PSC staff as meeting the requirements of Rule PSC 113.0607.

I Reporting Requirements: PSC 113.0607(6) states;

Each utility shall provide a periodic report to the commission showing compliance with its Preventative Maintenance Plan. The report shall include a list of inspected circuits and facilities, the condition of facilities according to established rating criteria, schedules established and success at meeting the established schedules.

II Inspection Schedule and Methods:

SCHEDULE:	MONTHLY	ANNUAL	EVERY 5 YEARS
Transmission (≥69Kv)		X	X
Substations	X	X	
Distribution (OH & UG)			X

METHODS: Five criteria groups will be used to complete the inspection of all facilities.

1. IR – infrared thermography used to find poor electrical connections and/or oil flow problems in equipment.
2. RFI - Radio Frequency Interference, a byproduct of loose hardware and connections, is checked using an AM radio receiver.
3. SI – structural integrity of all supporting hardware including poles, crossarms, insulators, structures, bases, foundations, buildings, etc.
4. Clearance – refers to proper spacing of conductors from other objects, trees and conductors.
5. EC – equipment condition on non-structural components such as circuit breakers, transformers, regulators, reclosers, relays, batteries, capacitors, etc.

Distribution facilities will be inspected by substation circuits on a 5 year cycle such that the entire system will be inspected every 5 years. Inspector instructions for inspecting all facilities and forms are included in the plan.

III Condition Rating Criteria

This criterion, as listed below, establishes the condition of a facility and determines the repair schedule to correct deficiencies .

0) Good condition
1) Good condition but aging
2) Non-critical maintenance required – normally repair within 12 months
3) Priority maintenance required – normally repair within 90 days
4) Urgent maintenance required – report immediately to the utility and repair normally within 1 week

IV Corrective Action Schedule

The rating criteria as listed above determine the corrective action schedule.

V Record Keeping

All inspection forms and records will be retained for a minimum of 10 years. The inspection form contains all of the required critical information i.e. inspection dates, condition rating, schedule for repair and date of repair completion.

VI Reporting Requirements

A report and summary of this plan's progress will be submitted every two years with the first report due to the Commission by February 1, 2003. The report will consist of a cover letter documenting the percent of inspections achieved compared to the schedule and the percent of maintenance achieved within the scheduled time allowance.

VII Inspected Circuits and Facilities

Algoma Utilities does an infrared inspection of all over head facilities annually. And does an in depth inspection of the overhead lines during tree trimming activities in the winter months.

Base load and peaking generation, less than 50 megawatts per unit in size, is typically subject to pre-operational checks, in addition to checks and maintenance during and after periods of operation. Emergency generation is test run and maintained every three months to confirm its operational readiness.

VIII Scheduling Goals Established and Success of Meeting the Criteria:

It was this utility's goal to complete all monthly substation inspections, and to inspect 80% of the distribution system. In addition, we expected to complete all scheduled maintenance resulting from the inspections within the prescribed time periods specified in the rating criteria. See below for details.

2001: Repairs needed #4, one cutout was identified during the infrared inspection, repaired immediately.

2002: Repairs needed #4, one cutout, one switch cabinet and one transformer setting were identified during the infrared inspection, repaired immediately. An underground service failed and was repaired immediately. Also, one house connector failed and was repaired immediately.

IX Facility condition – rating criteria:

As a result of the infrared inspections, the Utility feels its system is in good but aging condition.

The only system wide outages experienced were due to failure on the transmission system owned by ATC.